GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2261
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OUTSTANDING DUES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Airlines owes huge amounts to the Airports Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to recover the arrears of dues and to improve the facilities at the airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a)& (b): The dues of Airports Authority of India (AAI) against major airlines in India as on 31.01.2011 are as under (Amount in crores in Rs.): Air India - 720, Kingfisher - 257.62, Go Airlines - 6.77, Intergloble Aviation Ltd. (Indigo) - 13.29, Jet Airways - 38.49, Jet Lite (India) Ltd. - 13.96, Spicejet Ltd. - 16.99, Paramount Airways - 4.88, Others (Small / Non Operating Airlines) - 50.13.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The matter is taken up by AAI with respective Airlines from time to time to clear the dues. The following steps have been taken up to improve the facilities at the airports:

1. Modernization of Chennai and Kolkata Airports.

2. Developent of 35 Non Metro Airports, with the terminal buildings having state-of-the-Art passenger facilities, user friendly amenities and good ambience.

3. Satelite based navigation system.

(e): Not applicable in view of above.